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## MARGINAL COLUMN

TO visit Elat these days is to receive a heady injection of the enthusiasm which was the root of that first impulse which brought the whole State of Israel into being. The pace of construction, the excitement of achievement is something which is not met anywhere else in Israel today in such clear focus and overwhelming impressiveness. At the celebration of Elat Day yesterday part of the story was told and told well but it is a curious irony that one of the best pointers on what Elat can mean to the economic and political future of the State is given, albeit with negative intention, by one Kemal Abdul Hamid writing in the Cairo daily "Al-Ahram" just three weeks ago.

HE sought to arouse the Arab world to the dangers inherent in Israel's campaign to obtain the recognition of passage through the Straits of Akaba. He is more subtle than the usual Arab propagandist. He gives an economic argument. To this end a pipeline is being laid from Elat to Haifa with the aid of the French and British companies which produce oil from Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the Persian Gulf and Persia. This will enable them to bring it to Europe. Thus the Suez Canal will be affected and it will no longer pay to carry oil through the Suez Canal. This traffic constitutes 75 percent of the total passing through the Canal. Even the oil consortium in the U.S. has announced that the implementation of the pipeline plan will bring about a reduction of the cost of transporting oil by 14 percent over that of Suez.

NOR does Kemal stop with this example. He carries his economic analysis further. "The U.S. oil companies in Saudi Arabia and the neutral zones around Kuwait will have to choose. Either Saudi oil must go through the new pipeline which King Saud will never allow — or the price of transport through the pipeline will have to come down to compete with pipeline charges. It costs \$1.15 per ton via the Canal and will only be \$1.00 per ton through the pipeline. This will mean that the petroleum competition in Europe and will also reduce Egypt's income. Hopes of recouping by raising charges on passenger ships are far from realistic in view of the rapidly growing competition of air travel."

NOW follows the climax of his lamentation. The passage of the oil through the pipeline will add greatly to Israel's security. He implies that the power of Egypt, Syria and Jordan to hold up Europe's oil supplies will be reduced to a mere threat. "But he takes the reader deeper into the realm of the nightmare. 'Thus we have to fear that if freedom of passage is established through the Straits the refineries at Haifa will go into operation, Israel's income and economic opportunities will be magnified.'"

BRITAIN is to exchange demands with Jordan that that country, in this light it is interesting to note the further comment of Hamid. "It is not conceivable that Elat will be a base for Israel to guard the pipelines. This will enable Israel forces to be moved to the Jordan and Syrian borders. The presence of British troops opposite the Egyptian peninsula is going to make our problems more complicated." And finally, he points out that to the tragedy of frustration of Arab military plans against Israel will be added the breaking of the boycott. "The realization of freedom of passage through the Straits will increase the economic and strategic potential of Israel. It will establish direct links with Ethiopia and the Far East."

THAT Elat will mean a great measure of economic advance is unquestioned. But it is not too far to say that the whole area is theirs for the sharing. The price is not high. Just peace.

## Police to Charge 3 'Terrorists' In Kastner Attack

JERUSALEM, Tuesday (UP). — Police will bring charges against three of the men detained for the attempt on the life of Dr. Israel Kastner last Monday, and said today that these suspects were members of an "extreme terrorist group."

The three men, Ze'ev Eckstein, Joseph Minkes and Dan Shemer, were remanded for 15 days.

The police announced that in the investigation of the Kastner shooting, suspicion fell on the terrorist group "among others." Some of the leaders of the group were arrested and their movements on the night of the attempted assassination have been closely checked.

The suspect group, according to the police, planned terrorist actions including robberies and the assassination of certain persons, and they enlisted new members for these activities.

The initiators of the attempt on the life of Dr. Kastner, police said, were "the group," police said. The investigation of the shooting is still continuing.

The advocate, Ya'akov Herzl, was today remanded for 15 days. He was arrested yesterday by Magistrate M. Chernobelsky. The police asked for a longer term, but the Magistrate refused unless the police could give grounds for his further detention.

Present today, when Herzl was brought before the Magistrate at the Jaffa prison, was Mr. Shimon Averbach, president of the Tel Aviv Bar Association who is pressing for his release. Police said Herzl belonged to the terrorist organization. They also requested that publication of the demand order be banned, but this was refused by the Magistrate.

Herzl is still continuing his hunger strike, and has not eaten since he was arrested two days ago, according to advocate Y. Goldenberg. Dr. Kastner who was hit by a revolver bullet in his stomach, is recovering in the Hadassah Municipal Hospital. The operation, performed by Prof. M. Marcus and Dr. M. Solovitchik, was a success.

Indonesian Revolt Spreads to Borneo  
JAKARTA, Tuesday (UP). — An army-led group was reported today to have seized control of southern Borneo, joining a spurge of military rebellions that have stripped the Government of control over almost the entire island of Indonesia except the home island of Java.

## Hungary Claims New Uprising Scooped

VIENNA, Tuesday (UP). — Hungarian police have arrested 11 workers for "preparing new riots" to be started March 15 and for "participation in last year's counter-revolution." Budapest Radio reported.

The broadcast gave no details of the alleged preparation for a new uprising. It said two of the 11 men had admitted being involved in "several cases of murder" during last winter's revolt.

USSR Starts Arms Supplies to Yemen  
A Russian delegation recently arrived in the Yemen with a shipment of arms, according to the Arab News Agency yesterday.

It said the mission included a high-ranking Soviet Army staff officer, a tank expert, as well as armor and air force experts. A palace near Aden has been placed at the disposal of the group. The Russians are making efforts not to become obstructive.

The report said that more Russian arms and experts will soon arrive in the Yemen, which recently granted Russian concessions to drill for oil. Meanwhile, Reuters reports from Washington that American officials estimate the amount of Communist bloc arms shipped to Egypt and Syria at \$500 million, the former receiving about three-quarters of the amount. They said that shipments are now being made to Syria and that they would not be surprised if supplies have been resumed to Egypt.

The comments were made in connection with the Western Big Three replies, handed on Monday, to the Soviet Note of February 27 which called for a plan for Middle East peace. Among them was the point that there should be an embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East.

Jordan-British Pact Ends Today  
The Jordan Premier, Suleiman al-Nasr, is expected to announce today the termination of the Anglo-Jordan treaty of 1944, according to the Arab News Agency.

Under the terms of the agreement, Jordan will receive about \$15 million worth of installations and surplus equipment at \$4,500,000, payable in installments over several years at easy terms. Britain originally had about 2,000 army and air force personnel in Jordan. Liquidation of the bases at Amman and Akaba has already begun, according to Arab reports.

## FIERCE STRUGGLE FOR ELAT-B-G

"I have no doubt whatever that Elat will one day be an international port city, though I will not say that this will be accomplished in the immediate future. It is the great privilege of the builders and settlers of Elat to have laid the foundations for a great future." This was declared by the Prime Minister in a message read yesterday at the Elat Day celebrations on the eighth anniversary of its liberation by the Israel Defense Forces.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that Israel is now engaged in a fierce struggle with almost the whole world on the port's future, as this future depends on freedom for our ships in the Gulf of Elat and on international shipping.

We cannot boast of having achieved this aim, either politically or practically, Mr. Ben-Gurion said. So far, only the great maritime nations have recognized our title to free navigation — the U.S., France, Britain, Canada, Australia, Norway, the Netherlands and others; they also promised to send their own ships to Elat.

But the Egyptian dictator and his supporters in the Soviet Union and India still question this right — and the struggle continues.

Words Not Enough  
But we cannot be content with a verbal and legalistic struggle in order to consolidate our position in the Red Sea and in the Tiran Straits. We must build a deep sea port in Elat, connect the port by a highway and a railroad with Beer-Sheva and Haifa, lay a pipeline wider than the one we are now laying, and above all, we must build a water supply of water necessary for growing crops, and keeping poultry and sheep. It is also necessary to establish settlements near Elat, the Prime Minister said.

"Elat Day" was officially opened at 3 p.m. with a parade of the Israel Defense Forces and a band. The parade was led by the commander of the Elat District, Major Y. Yigal, and the commander of the Elat District, Major Y. Yigal. The parade was followed by a reception at the Elat Hotel.

Evacuation Of Sinai Completed  
LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The evacuation of Egyptian troops from the Sinai Peninsula was completed today. The evacuation was carried out by the Egyptian Air Force and the Israeli Air Force. The evacuation was completed by 10 p.m. today.

French Studying Big Elat-Haifa Pipeline  
PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — Banking interests and technicians are studying the feasibility of setting up a large-scale pipeline between Elat and Haifa to bypass the Suez Canal, the Foreign Ministry said today.

## U.S. Worried by Cairo Threats; Israel Opens Diplomatic Drive

### Meir Sees U.S., French Envoys

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Diplomatic representations have been made in Washington, Paris and Jerusalem during the past 48 hours by Israel on the question of the threatened return of the Egyptians to Gaza and the consequent danger to Middle East peace.

Israel has been firm. Stress is being laid on this country's grave concern for the return of events being dictated from Cairo.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Foreign Minister Golda Meir met with the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Eugene Gilbert, and then with the American Ambassador, Mr. Edward R. Lawson. Mr. Meir is leaving shortly for Paris on a trip that he had planned some time ago. He will be away for only a few days.

It can be assumed that, in her meeting with Mr. Lawson, Mr. Meir, who had the benefit of first-hand contact with American leaders during the political battle of the last four months while he was in New York and Washington, referred to the assurance given by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles on the question of this country's security. It would have been logical for Mr. Meir to stress America's direct involvement and responsibility in the entire matter.

On Monday, Elat Day, Mr. Meir, accompanied by Mr. Shiloah, called at the State Department to discuss the Gaza situation with Mr. William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State.

In Paris, Ambassador Ya'acov Tur saw Foreign Minister Pineau. (See next column.)

Egyptian Sneak Back  
One point that Israel talks to be making in these talks is that the Egyptians are in fact infiltrating back into the Gaza Strip. While it may still be logical to correct that, no officials have arrived from Cairo as yet, the fact is that the population has been brought under the control of Egypt since the evacuation of the Sinai Peninsula.

The technique is simple. Local leaders are organized to work on the Egyptian population. They, in turn, are terrorized or blackmailed by their own leaders. Their orders direct from Cairo.

### Egypt Urged to Cooperate

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The U.S. today urged Egypt to co-operate with the United Nations in keeping peace in the Gaza Strip. In a statement, the State Department voiced this Government's strong support for the U.N. and its Emergency force in both Gaza and Suez Canal areas.

The statement was read to a news conference by Department spokesman. It said that the U.S. is planning to take over administration of the Gaza Strip and to bar Israel ships from the Suez Canal.

The U.S. Government is closely following developments in the Middle East regarding the Gaza Strip and the Suez Canal. The statement said that the U.S. is planning to take over administration of the Gaza Strip and to bar Israel ships from the Suez Canal.

We hope that all the parties concerned will continue to cooperate with the U.N. and its agencies in efforts to maintain peace and tranquility in the area.

The statement was issued soon after the White House announced that President Eisenhower, and Secretary of State Dulles, now in Australia, had been in close touch with each other, since the night of the Egyptian withdrawal. It was said that the U.S. had intention to take over administration of the Gaza Strip.

Officials at the State Department apparently have no direct or indirect word from Egypt on its intentions. Yesterday, they said, many of these statements did not turn out to be official Government policy.

Mr. White replied "no comment" when a newsmen asked whether the U.S. feels Egypt has no right to take over administration of the Gaza area. He could not be drawn out on this question. But officials said U.N. resolutions should be subject to negotiation between the U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, Egypt and Israel.

Senator Landon Johnson, Democrat leader, told the Senate today that Egypt's challenge to the U.N. was a matter of "deepest concern."

It is understood that there are internal political problems in Egypt which are difficult for the authorities to handle, he said. "But there are also internal political problems in Israel which Mr. Ben-Gurion faced courageously and decisively." (Press Comment p. 2)

LONDON DISTURBED BY NEWS FROM GAZA  
LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — The Cabinet has had the Gaza situation under review today following a report by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

There is the greatest concern about the latest developments and consultation is now taking place with Paris and Washington about the possibility of sending further UN forces to the Gaza Strip.

The Foreign Office does not appear to share the State Department belief that the Egyptian statement of yesterday was only a propaganda move.

SUEZ CANAL OPENING SET FOR APRIL 18  
ISRAELI (Reuters). — U.S. Gen. Raymond Wheeler, U.S. salvage chief, announced today that the Suez Canal will be open for all kinds of ships on April 18, five weeks ahead of the schedule he had originally set.

In the British view there is no reason why the Western powers should yield to the blackmail of the Egyptian crisis is over, and an editorial in today's "Financial Times" spells out the meaning of this fact by suggesting that the importance of Suez will never again be what it was.

What Purim Party Are You Going To?  
The one held by the Anti-T.B. or the Anti-Polio League? Whatever the party—here are the drinks that will help you enjoy it: Vermouth, Brandy, Extra Fine—for men, the choice products of Carmel Oriental—from the cellars of Rishon le Zion and Zichron Ya'acov.

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## Diplomats Visit Youth Aliva Homes

**HAIFA, Tuesday.** — Representatives of 10 foreign legations visited Youth Aliya institutions today, accompanied by Mr. Moabé Kol, Director of Youth Aliya.

The guests visited Ne'urim Agricultural Training Centre near Kfar Vitkin and the reception centre at Ramat Hashamah, near here, where the

Immigrant children are brought from the ship to Ramat Hadasah, where they stay for about two months. Mr. Kol said. There, they are medically examined and given psychological tests before being sent to one of the 248 permanent Youth Aliya absorption centres, including 150 kibbutzim.

So far, 9,951 children have passed through Ramat Hahesek, Mr. Kol told the guests. A plane with 90 children was due yesterday but was delayed, and it is not yet certain from which country the 10,000th child will arrive.

This year, 6,000 Youth Aliya wards are expected in Israel, Mr. Kol said. The original P.A.S.M. budget had

been increased to \$11m. to accommodate them. Hadasah puts up 55 per cent of the budget, and the rest is covered by the Jewish Agency, he declared.

A report on the contributions to the country's development made by the first 50,000 Youth Aliya alumni will shortly be published, Mr. Kol said. Hadasah has

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For the Board of Directors: M. CARASSO, Chairman; H. BOURLA, D. RECANATI

The said Consolidated Balance Sheet is in agreement with the Balance Sheet of the Banks, and in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Consolidated Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Banks as at the end of the year.



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## Today's Postbag

### The Weather

Forecast: Showers in the morning, becoming cloudy with occasional showers.

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## ARRIVALS

The new Hungarian Minister, Mr. L. Cello, accompanied by Mrs. Cello, to take up his post (by Air France).

## DEPARTURES

Dr. B. Halkin, Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University for Europe and the U.S., to conduct research work during his sabbatical leave.

Mr. L. Duitman, Keren Hayesod director, for a two-month tour of South America (by Air France).

Mr. Bertil von Bahr, S.A.S. representative in Israel, on a business trip to Europe (by S.A.S.).

100 IMMIGRANTS arrived in Haifa in a ship named Grimaldi yesterday. They are refugees from Egypt and a small number of Hungarian refugees. Most of the immigrants were sent to development areas, mainly to Kiryat Gat.

ORGANIZERS of the Jerusalem Adloyada Zute are asked to attend a meeting to discuss arrangements for the event at 3.30 this afternoon, at the Lema School.

SOLDIERS who participated in the Sinai campaign are reminded that applications for the Sinai ribbon must be submitted to their units before March 20.

THE KINHA DIPESHA campaign sponsored by the Jerusalem Religious Council to raise contributions for needy families on Passover has begun. Donations should be sent to Mr. Y.D. Mann, P.O.B. 97, Jerusalem.

HEAVY RAINS, lightning and thunderstorms fell intermittently in Beerseba during the past three days. Rain was reported in Eilat.

THE FIRST ARABIC calendar to be published in Israel, comprising the Muslim hijra year and the Eastern and Western Christian calendars, has been put out by the Histadrut's Arab Workers' Fund in Tel Aviv.

THE 15TH ANNUAL Dinner of the Working Women's Organization was opened at the Hotel Herta in Tel Aviv yesterday. Mr. P. Lavon, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mayor Haim Levanon, and others sent greetings.

THE FIRST trees were planted yesterday in the World War Forest in the Latrun area. Hundreds of Wizo delegates to the recent world conference were present at the ceremony.

FIRE yesterday caused damage valued at IL25,000 to the Givatayim flannel factory of Mr. Y. Pok. Three fire-fighting machines worked for two hours to extinguish the flames. The factory is insured.

THE FIRST CONVENTION of the Cinematograph Union will open at SOA House at 8 p.m. today.

Rise in Price of POST Approved

The sub-committee of the Ministerial Economic Committee on Monday approved an increase in the price of The Jerusalem Post from 120 to 140 pruta per copy, effective from Friday, it was officially announced last night.

The decision was taken, it was stated, only in recognition of the fact that extra expenses were involved in the publication of the paper in Jerusalem, such as employment of additional personnel, higher transport costs for bringing newspapers to the capital, and for distributing the paper throughout the country from Jerusalem.

The sub-committee was composed of Ministers of Labor, Finance, Defense, and Commerce, and Mr. Y. Forster, M.K., members of the Ministerial Economic Committee, with the participation of Mr. M. Gilson, representing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Jerusalem Jeweller, Wife Detained

The proprietors of a Jerusalem Jewellery, and his wife, Alisa, were detained yesterday by police on suspicion of buying a \$500 check for IL250.

They allegedly bought the check from Mr. Henry Richard John Burke-Kellet, an English tourist, who was arrested a fortnight ago for reportedly changing money on the black market.

The detention of Mr. Burke-Kellet, and his friend, Mr. Ed. Wilder, of New York, was extended for 15 days yesterday by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Benak.

Mr. Burke-Kellet, who was arrested by the British Consulate's offer of an attorney, appeared without counsel.

VERY. — Abdel Fattah el-Bashir, the Governor of Cairo, has arrived in Leipzig, East Germany, by air from France.

## Goldmann Warns of Danger of Unfavourable, Imposed Peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A political struggle, "perhaps even more important than the one over Sharm el-Sheikh and Gaza," awaits Israel in her efforts to seek a "final arrangement" with the Arab states, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

He said there was the danger of an "imposed peace" through the agency of the U.N. The imposition of this body made such a prospect "fairly dangerous for Israel," he added.

In addition, world leaders and the U.N. today have to deal with the fact that the problems of the Middle East situation demanded immediate attention and the present situation could not be allowed to continue.

Referring to the plenary Agency Executive decision last week approving an increase in the Agency's budget in order to bring 100,000 newcomers to Israel this year, Dr. Goldmann, who is Chairman of the Executive, said he had left for Israel with the idea of proposing a cut in immigration because of the difficulty in financing it.

However, he said, the countries of origin of these newcomers had convinced the Executive to shoulder the responsibility.

"In my 24 years as a Member of the Executive, I have never voted for such an unbalanced budget," he stressed.

However, income from fund raising from countries outside the U.S. had considerably increased and there was a reasonable hope that the U.S. income for the U.S. would rise by at least 25 to 30 per cent over last year.

Immigration Phenomenon

As to the immigration itself, Dr. Goldmann termed it a "phenomenon perhaps not very important but the very establishment of the State's character would change the character of the country. If the present process continues, there is information that the doors of other countries will be opened for Jewish immigration," Dr. Goldmann said.

Dr. Goldmann had some harsh words for the Israel press for its lack of appreciation of the role of the world Jewry during the recent political struggle. In the U.S. there was a "90 per cent" united front of Zionists and non-Zionists, and even the Council for Judaism, an outspoken anti-Zionist group, kept quiet during the crisis, he said.

In answer to questions, Dr. Goldmann said a decision would be taken in seven to eight months regarding the construction of one body of seven Jewish organizations, among which was the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish People's Council, and the Jewish People's Council.

He also said the Executive had empowered him to appoint a committee to study the whole system of allocations of funds according to the law.

He said the aim was to make clear that the constructive work of the Jewish people was not the parties as parties. He suggested that perhaps the Executive, a central body, and even the instrument for distribution.

Advising about the Government's Agency Coordination Committee, Dr. Goldmann said he would begin discussions on reorganization of the Committee with the Prime Minister Ben-Gurion during a planned six-week stay here. He said he wished to tell the Executive's committee with a secretary and sub-committee.

Dr. Goldmann stated that no steps had yet been taken regarding the invitation to a World Jewish Congress to be held in Jerusalem at the invitation of the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Moscow Chief Rabbi, because the time had not been reached, he said.

Israel's Progress Impresses Turkey

"What we saw last night confirmed our belief that Israel is the most conscious and progressive country in the Middle East." This was the Turkish newspaper "Son Havadis" wrote under the title "A Civilized Country in the Middle East" commenting on the two Israel Press Attaches in Ankara showed at a cocktail party he gave at his home.

The Turkish writer recalled the Israel Pavilion at the Fair. He wrote: "What did we not see there! Cars produced in Israel, the smallest motor; the finest of medical instruments; electric appliances... and thousands of other exhibits."

He went on to say that the Israelis proved to what extent can planned work, cooperation of gifted people and work for an ideal transform the desert into a blooming garden.

Nazareth Customs House Burgled

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — Local burglars, largely inactive of late, were busy last night on one successful and one unsuccessful job.

At the Customs House, a number of unknown persons broke through the front door and made off with 8,000 packages of smuggled razor blades that had been confiscated by the authorities. They also took a few lighters and playing cards.

In the old market, a burglar was caught by the night watchman while trying to break into a grocery store. The house breaker held the watchman up with a pistol and escaped.

Police have detained one suspect.

20 'Bombs' Fall On Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Waves of bombers swept over Tel Aviv today as part of the all-day local Haganah defense exercises.

The first sirens' wailing at 1.30 a.m. heralded the 20 minor 'incidents' which took place in various parts of the city. The exercise, which was intended to test the readiness of Haganah personnel and equipment, "proved that local units could in the main successfully deal with emergencies by themselves," a Haganah spokesman told The Jerusalem Post.

The central incident of the morning took place in the rain near the Kirya, where a half-finished building was bombed and a half-finished building was bombed.

The red-helmeted firefighters, the white-helmeted first aid men and green-helmeted Haganah personnel soon brought down the smoke and falling masonry under control. Several of the Haganah units narrowly escaped being blown up when a bomb went off nearby.

The last 'incident' took place after nightfall in Yad Eliash.

Histadrut Opens J'lem Old Age Home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

## Prevention Urged At Doctors' Parley

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Although Israel had a high standard of medical care, it still lagged behind in the field of preventive medicine and public health, Mr. Y. Barzilai, Minister of Health, told an audience of physicians in Jerusalem's Y.M.C.A. last night.

He was addressing the opening session of the Israel Medical Association's 10th National Scientific Congress, which is being attended by some 600 physicians from all over the country.

The four-day conference is devoted to three main subjects: diseases of the respiratory tract; experience in the use of hormones of the adrenal cortex, and diseases of the urinary tract and pancreas.

Fifty-five lectures, each lasting 20 minutes, will be held.

Last night's session was addressed by Professor H. Zondek, Chairman of the I.M.A.'s Scientific Advisory Council, and Dr. Z. Avigdor, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Israel Medical Association; Dr. P. Yacobi, Jerusalem Deputy Mayor; Dr. M. Frydman, Associate Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School; and Professor H. Enger, Chairman of the Congress.

WIZO Adopts Budget of IL6.5m.

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The 12th World Wizo Conference was winding up its proceedings at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, confirmed a budget of IL6.5m. for the current fiscal year. Wizo and affiliated organizations abroad would raise IL2.5m. it was decided.

In connection with fund-raising, the proposal to hold an "austerity week" between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur was unanimously adopted. The conference also voted to approach the Jewish Agency for an allocation in recognition of the Wizo's work on behalf of new immigrants, children and youth.

The conference decided to open advisory bureaux for new immigrants, place special emphasis on the development of the home industries and girls clubs.

Mrs. Rebecca Sieff was unanimously re-elected President of the World Wizo. The new world executive committee has 20 members in Israel and ten abroad. Mrs. Rosa Ginosar, of Jerusalem, was elected chairman of the Executive Council.

Mrs. T. Hausner-Zeisler, as vice-chairman.

Mrs. Yehuda Araki, Manager of the Ramat Aviv, entertained the delegates from abroad to a gala dinner last night. The Z.O.A. House was host to overseas delegates at an evening of Israel folk dancing.

Sick Fund Adopting Resolutions Today

Kupat Holim is to wind up its sixth national conference today in Jerusalem. A series of resolutions which will serve as guidelines for the Fund until the next Conference, the resolutions are to be submitted to the Histadrut executive for approval.

At yesterday's meetings, speakers continued to thrash out a plan to build a new organization's deficit; building and enlarging clinics and their services; and the family scheme; and hospitalization.

Mrs. Rabel Ben-Zvi brought the greetings of the President, Mr. Israel Barzilai, Minister of Health, was present during part of the sessions.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, who put in a surprise appearance at the conference on Monday evening, was greeted with a thunderous ovation. She described the fight in the U.N. General Assembly and noted that although the Soviet Union had received everything it wanted, it had received the basis for future achievements. She did not permit that the future would be a dark and peaceful one.

The conference delegates were guests last night at a reception tendered by the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Dr. J. Kott, of the Histadrut's Invalids Fund, said it was criminal to try to change the habits of persons in retirement. If they wanted to toss a cigarette butt on the floor, let them. If they did not keep their apartments spick and span, let them. It was not so important to let the country's veterans spend the twilight of their lives in comfort, as they understood it.

Other speakers were Mr. B. Linn, of the Histadrut; Mr. Moshe Baran, Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council; and Mr. Yosef Levinson, head of Mishan in Jerusalem.

Hamekasher Trio Fined For Mr. Herzl Incident

The maximum fine — IL100 — which can be levied for "performing an act liable to harm the public" was imposed yesterday in Jerusalem on the Manager of the Hamekasher bus cooperative and on two of its drivers.

In passing sentence, Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court, found that the accused had acted "maliciously and without justification."

At the Customs House, a number of unknown persons broke through the front door and made off with 8,000 packages of smuggled razor blades that had been confiscated by the authorities. They also took a few lighters and playing cards.

In the old market, a burglar was caught by the night watchman while trying to break into a grocery store. The house breaker held the watchman up with a pistol and escaped.

Police have detained one suspect.

Parents of School Children May Have to Pay for Schoolhouses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Zalman Aranne, said yesterday that he intends to press for the passage of a law requiring parents of elementary school children to make an annual compulsory contribution to the construction of school buildings.

Speaking in the Knesset in the debate on his Ministry's budget, Mr. Aranne said it would be necessary to build 5,000 new classrooms in the next five years. The IL60m. needed for this purpose could not be raised from present sources, it was estimated that the loan would yield IL25m.-IL35m. annually.

The compulsory loan has been recommended by an inter-ministerial committee headed by Mr. Aranne.

Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Aranne said the Ministry is giving strong support to the recommendation.

## New High School Gradings Urged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Existing of matriculation examination requirements for students in secondary schools of high standard has been proposed by the Secondary School Committee, an advisory body to the Minister of Education.

According to these proposals, secondary schools would be divided into three categories instead of the present two: unrecognized, privileged (corresponding to the present "recognized" category) and "fully privileged."

In the latter category, the committee recommends exempting students from two of the six matriculation papers: Literature and Bible, however, would be mandatory.

Three Types of Exemption

Three forms of such an exemption are now being discussed: complete exemption with the school grade being considered the final mark; grading the students on the basis of internal school examinations, or holding the national examination within the school itself, instead of in central examination halls where Government proctors supervise.

Classification of an institution as a "fully privileged school" would be made on the basis of matriculation examination results at the end of the year and the general educational and technical standard of the school.

The recommendations of the committee are subject to approval of the Minister of Education's Pedagogical Council.

Uppest Outplay Israel, 3-0

By PAUL KOHN

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — The Budapest football team, Hungary, today played soccer to easily beat a weakened Israel selected 3-0, at the stadium here. This was the first of the Hungarian team's two games in their first direct game was refreshing to the 30,000 fans present.

The Israel team did not include several "regulars," as Tel Aviv Maccabi stars selected could not turn out because of injuries. In addition, the team's training together before the match.

The visitors seemed to be leg weary in the first half, having played five games in Turkey before coming here. They played like terriers, constantly threatening the Israel goal. Only goalkeeper Chodorov prevented a bigger score.

The Israel men played quite attractive football at Ramat Gan, with inside forwards Mennel and Steinmann trying hard to work cohesion in the team's play, but the forwards rarely threatened the Ujpest goal.

Very Elusive Man

Ujpest international defender Tich, a very elusive man to mark, after 35 minutes broke clear to drive home the opening goal from just outside the penalty area. Israel fought to keep the score at 1-0, but Chodorov pulled off two splendid saves, blocking a short range shot from inside right range and then diving to stop a player's foot to save a "certainly." Szeged got his revenge in the second half when he miskicked the ball and it went to him. Shortly afterwards, outside-left Joverry sped away over the ball, and calmly lobbed the ball over the advancing Chodorov's head, bringing the score to 2-0.

The Hungarian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Robert Gard, who actively assisted in getting the Budapest team to Israel, is in his team, kicked off. The match started half an hour late, and finished in a surprising 1-1 draw. The two teams played their last match against Maccabi on Thursday.

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## Budget Figures Changed Again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 1957/58 budget estimates, the discussion of which began yesterday in the Knesset Finance Committee, have been changed again, this time to IL52m. It was learned from Knesset sources yesterday.

At the meeting, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, presented the following changes:

An increase of IL15m. in the Defence Levy to a total of IL20m.

This was objected to by Committee members Sapir, Rader and Forster, who claimed that such an increase would nullify the benefit of the tax on luxury goods, following the recent amendments. They suggested that other sources of revenue be sought instead.

Mr. Eshkol rejected this proposal, and emphasized that even with the higher levy, total direct taxes in the coming year would be lower than in the current one.

Tax on Key Money

An increase of IL5.5m. to be received from Property and Capital Profit taxes. This involves a tax on key money; capital income; the trading of securities not made on the stock exchange; and higher municipal property tax rates.

On the expenditure side the IL52m. put aside to increase the country's reserves, mainly food, will not be spent. A total of IL25m. will be saved on cuts in various other budgeted items. On the other hand, the Government will spend another IL24m. for building 24,000 housing units. It will also spend IL15m. on subsidies for exports, IL10m. on employment projects, and IL5m. on absorption in agriculture.

Subsidies to Last Till After Passover

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent subsidies introduced to reduce the price of rationed meat, eggs and other necessities are expected to be maintained until after the Passover holidays, it was learned yesterday from Ministry of Commerce and Industry sources.

The 150-gram meat ration that will be distributed this year at the lower price of IL1.400 a kilogram (instead of the previous IL1.800), will be followed by another similar ration shortly at the same low price.

It was understood that the reason for the subsidies is the rising cost-of-living index. The index rose in January by four points and is expected that it will rise at the same pace in February. If the index rises by a full five per cent in the next month, an increased cost-of-living allowance will have to be paid immediately.

Sharp Rise in Jobless Figures Registered

The average daily number of unemployed jumped by 4,470 to stand at 17,320 in the week ending March 1, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. The steep rise was caused by two rainy days in the week.

In preparation for the Passover holidays, the Ministry is making plans to arrange employment for any person out of work. Salaries will be paid before the holidays.

To cover the deficit created by additional emergency works financed during March, the Knesset Finance Committee has approved a supplementary allocation of IL1.8m.

The principal centres of unemployment were: Haifa, 1,240; Tel Aviv, 1,047; Jerusalem, 1,580; Ramat Gan-Givatayim, 804; Petah Tikva, 822; Ramat, 802; Lod, 802; Ashdod, 681; Rishon, 682; Ra'anana, 344; and Kiryat Shmonah, 328.

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## American Immigrants Seek Help From Abroad, Better Housing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The sixth annual convention of the American and Canadian Immigrants Association ended with a bang here today. Greetings from after-lunch speakers, Rabbi M. Kirshbaum, of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mrs. Sara Gottlieb, of the World WIZO Executive, were punctuated with bursts of gunfire and bomb explosions — part of the Hagai civil defense exercises going on outside SOA House this afternoon.

Some 45 delegates discussed plans for housing for Association members, the lowering of customs duties on electrical appliances brought in, and subsidization of fares for newcomers bound for Israel. They called for greater coordination between the organization here and the movement abroad.

In answer to charges that the work of the Association was not recognized by the Zionist Movement abroad, Mr. Moshe Goldberg, outgoing Chairman, claimed that the Association had processed some 1,000 persons during the past three years.

At present, Jerusalem has no suitable housing that could be offered to would-be immigrants from these countries, or that could provide a permanent home to families already in the country, he stated. He emphasized the following points in this connection:

The Jerusalem Branch of the Association knows of some 100 cases of individuals, and families, who came to settle during the last two years but returned to America due to a lack of adequate facilities for their absorption. One of the principal difficulties was the lack of housing that they could afford.

New officers elected at today's closing session included: Mr. Carl Albert, Public Relations Director of the Haifa Technion, chairman; Mr. Leo Kohn of the Israel Bond Drive and Moshe Goldberg, Director of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem.

